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## NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 15, 18 and 34-47 of the above-identified application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed May 3, 2004.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$340.00 to cover the required fee for filing this Notice of Appeal as set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b).

Also enclosed is a Petition for three-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection, thereby extending said period of response from August 3, 2004 to November 3, 2004. Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$980.00 to cover the required extension fee for large entity.

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